

## **REMARKS**

By this Amendment claim 30 has been replaced by new claim 60, claims 31, 32, 36, 37, 41-43, 45-47, 52, 53 and 55-59 have been amended to better define the intended subject matter, and claims 33-35, 38-40, 44, 48-51 and 54 have been canceled. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 30, 33-35, 39-41, 44, 58 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leventhal et al., and he has rejected all other claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leventhal et al. in view of Varndell et al. (claims 31, 32, 37), Mattison (claim 36), Schulman (claim 38), Weinstock (claim 42), Frischknecht (claims 43 and 45-47), Frischknecht, Salyards (claims 48 and 49), Frischknecht, Salyards and Weinstock (claim 50), Frischknecht, Salyards, Weinstock and Holliday (claims 51-54), these four references and Medley (claim 55), these five references and Goldsmith (claim 56), or Ferrand et al. (claim 57).

These rejections cannot be applied to the amended claims.

Leventhal et al. disclose an integrated matrix bedding system including a structure 16 and cylindrical glands 24. However, this patent does not disclose pressure cushions arranged as recited in new claim 60. Further, Leventhal et al. do not show through channels for removing humidity which are arranged parallel to the pressure cushions and which extend the width of the mattress.

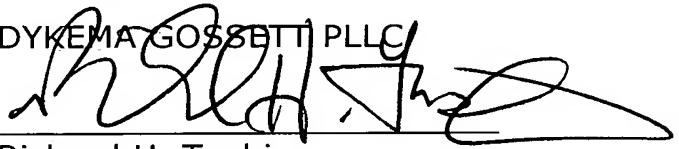
None of the secondary patents would overcome the noted  
deficiencies in Leventhal et al.

Favorable reevaluation is requested.

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